

March 11, 1999

TRIBUTE TO HOPE EDUCATION  
AND LEADERSHIP FUND

**HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 11, 1999*

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, on March 12, 1999, Hispanas Organized for Political Equality (HOPE) Education and Leadership Fund's Eighth Annual Symposium, entitled "A Proud Past . . . A Powerful Tomorrow," will take place in the 33rd Congressional District. In honor of this important event, I am proclaiming March 12, 1999, as Latina History Day.

The Symposium serves to address a variety of issues important to Latinas of all ages. I am pleased that Latinas benefit from the workshops on health, business opportunities, and cultural identity. This Symposium also includes Teen Track, which focuses on providing young Latinas with workshops on leadership and on establishing a path to success.

Since its founding in 1989, the HOPE Education and Leadership Fund has remained dedicated to improving the educational, political and economic status of Latinas. HOPE has anchored itself by the principle that knowledge of the political process coupled with active participation will guarantee a more representative, democratic government.

The proclamation of Latina History Day during "Women's History Month" memorializes the important role Latinas play in American society. Latinas are breaking glass ceilings and pioneering into areas our mothers never imagined. Latinas own businesses, are executives in our country's largest corporations, are being elected to public office and appointed to powerful positions. We recognize the work and sacrifices of our mothers and grandmothers, celebrate contemporary Latinas, and are building the foundation for future generations.

I commend the HOPE Education and Leadership Fund for their commitment to Latinas, and in their honor, proclaim March 12, 1999, as Latina History Day.

TRIBUTE TO KARNEY HODGE

**HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 11, 1999*

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Karney Hodge for his many years of service to the community. Mr. Hodge has been a dedicated public servant and successful businessman.

Karney is an investment banker and vice president of Salomon Smith Barney and has spent his life in service to the community, initially as a volunteer. Hodge most recently worked as a financier of projects aimed at improving the facilities that Fresno is able to offer to its residents.

Hodge was an avid baseball player in his college days at California State University, Fresno. He seriously considered playing professionally, but he eventually left college to become a partner in the family clothing store,

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Hodge and Sons. He still played baseball and got his first taste of public service from an avid fan. In the 1960's Mayor Selland of Fresno, appointed Hodge to the planning commission, sparking Karney's interest in public service.

In 1982 Governor George Deukmejian was looking to involve members of the private sector in agencies like Retail Development and Planning. State Senator Ken Maddy surmised that Hodge's background in retail and long history of community service made him a perfect candidate for such a position. In 1983 Hodge and his wife Marilyn relocated to Sacramento and he embarked on his second career, Executive Director of the California Housing Finance Agency. Karney built a structure for the young agency by bringing in the best people. Under his leadership the agency became a major provider of housing to residents of California and is considered one of the highlights of Governor Deukmejian's term. Today Hodge is a vice president at Salomon Smith Barney.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Karney Hodge on his remarkable service to the community. Mr. Hodge has served well in both the public and private sector. I urge my colleagues to join me in thanking Karney Hodge for a job well done and wishing him many years of continued success.

HONORING EMILIA CONOLLY

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 11, 1999*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the work of Emilia Conolly, a committed health professional in the borough of Brooklyn.

Emilia is a native of Honduras who immigrated to the United States over 20 years ago. She was educated in the New York City public schools, including Ft. Hamilton High School, where she received her high school diploma. Emilia began her nursing career as a student in Interfaith Medical Center's School of Nursing where she made the Dean's List, received three honorary awards and ultimately graduated as a registered nurse.

As part of her professional growth and development, she joined the nursing department at Brookdale University Medical Center. Presently, she specializes in nursing care of critically ill newborns (the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit). In addition, Emilia serves as a nurse preceptor for new graduate nurses. She strives to maintain and to develop her clinical expertise by teaching neonatal resuscitation classes to both doctors and nurses.

Emilia is an active member of Interfaith's Nurses Alumnae Association. As a member of the Mid-Brooklyn Civic Association, she helps to organize and to participate in voter registration, fundraising and the selection of candidates for outstanding community service. She has also been recognized for her strong negotiating abilities on behalf of nursing contracts within the bargaining unit of Local 1199. Emilia is married to James Conolly and they are the proud parents of two daughters, Taryn and Thalia.

As stated on one of her awards, Emilia has demonstrated "compassion, empathy and per-

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sonal interests" in striving to make a difference in the lives of others. Mr. Speaker, please join me in presenting the achievements of Emilia Conolly to my colleagues.

TRIBUTE TO BILL BENTON

**HON. BOB SCHAFFER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 11, 1999*

Mr. SCHAFFER. Mr. Speaker, among the most thoughtful constituents in the Colorado district I represent in Congress is Mr. Bill Benton of Fort Collins.

He recently composed a letter to me regarding the agenda of the House of Representatives. I'm grateful, Mr. Speaker, the Republican budget proposal moves the country dramatically in the direction proposed by Mr. Benton.

Moreover, Mr. Benton's sentiments are representative of a great many Americans concerned about the country's future. As such, I hereby commend the remarks of Mr. Benton to the House and urge my colleagues to consider these observations as we proceed in accomplishing the nation's business in Congress.

WILLIAM (BILL) M. BENTON,  
Fort Collins, CO, February 24, 1999.

Hon. BOB SCHAFFER,  
Fourth Congressional District of Colorado,

DEAR BOB: This problem of Republican leadership in both the house and the senate has been weighing heavily on my mind since we lost so much ground in the last national election.

After a lot of thought, and praying about it too, reading Cal Thomas, Thomas Sowell, Tony Snow and listening to Rush Limbaugh (as well as other "conservative" talking heads), studying what conservative leading magazines and newspapers (damn few, but available) have to say on this subject, I think I've boiled this very complicated knot down to—we've lost our soul in the party and we are running scared because of it.

Despite almost sixty years of a mass media trying to convince the general populace that we ought to be "a kinder, gentler" nation as a whole and feeding them huge amounts of liberal philosophy, we still, by and large, are a culture deeply rooted in conservative principles. I.E. less government, minimum governmental intrusion in our private affairs, minimum government "hand-outs" (let the churches handle the welfare needs), low taxing policies, States rights rather than Federal control, etc. etc. In other words, the backbone of what made The United States of America a unique entity among all the governments of the world past and present.

In eight short years, Ronald Reagan's administration started to get the Republican party, with its "rock ribbed" conservative tack, back on the path that the majority of our peoples felt "worked" and were comfortable with. My feeling is the voters didn't give him a Republican majority to work with is because the Republican leadership in both houses simply failed to lead! Robert Dole and his cohorts were on that appeasement road even then.

But he had a Judas Goat within the folds of the administration by the name of George "read my lips" Bush. Most of us didn't recognize this at the time and probably a lot of